
HOUSE BILL No. 1154

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-33-8.

Synopsis: Corporal punishment in schools. Prohibits the use of corporal punishment on public school students. Allows the use of reasonable and necessary force in certain situations.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

Orentlicher

January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

C
o
p
y



Introduced

First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

HOUSE BILL No. 1154

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-33-8-0.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2007]: **Sec. 0.3. As used in this chapter, "corporal punishment"**
4 **means the intentional infliction of physical pain that is used as a**
5 **means of discipline.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 20-33-8-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
7 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
8 2007]: Sec. 8. (a) Student supervision and the desirable behavior of
9 students in carrying out school purposes is the responsibility of:

- 10 (1) a school corporation; and
11 (2) the students of a school corporation.

12 (b) **Except as provided in subsection (d)**, in all matters relating to
13 the discipline and conduct of students, school corporation personnel:

- 14 (1) stand in the relation of parents to the students of the school
15 corporation; and
16 (2) have the right to take any disciplinary action necessary to
17 promote student conduct that conforms with an orderly and

2007

IN 1154—LS 7216/DI 109+



C
o
p
y

effective educational system, subject to this chapter.

(c) Students must:

(1) follow responsible directions of school personnel in all educational settings; and

(2) refrain from disruptive behavior that interferes with the educational environment.

(d) School corporation personnel may not subject a student to corporal punishment.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), school personnel may use reasonable and necessary force:

(1) to stop a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person;

(2) to obtain possession of a weapon or dangerous object that is in a student's control;

(3) in self-defense or defense of others; or

(4) to protect property.

C
o
p
y

